

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision (strategy) to air an anti-Kerry documentary on its stations just days before the election is an obvious example just what a dangerous thing it is to have only a few large media companies.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get news and information filtered through corporate sensibilities and viewpoints and catering to corporate interests -- or even more dangerously, in some cases a personal agenda -- rather than objective reporting and balanced coverage of issues and events.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.